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MEDIA RELEASE

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Mayor Skip Henderson's Executive Order 20-04

EMERGENCY ORDER REQUIRING THAT FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS BE WORN IN PUBLIC IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Columbus, Georgia/Muscogee County has had a prevalence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the previous fourteen (14) days that is equal to or greater than one hundred (100) cases per one hundred thousand (100,000) people according to the Georgia Department of Public Health. As of August 18, 2020, there were almost four hundred (400) cases per 100,000 in Columbus/Muscogee County for the previous fourteen (14) days.

Today, August 21, 2020, Mayor Skip Henderson signed Executive Order No. 20-04

EMERGENCY ORDER REQUIRING THAT FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS BE WORN IN PUBLIC IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EFFECTIVE 12:00 NOON AUGUST 21, 2020

Section 1 of the Order provides that face coverings or masks must be worn in public places with certain exceptions. It also provides a \$50.00 penalty for each violation of the requirement. For purposes of this Order, any Entity which means any private business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation or organization that does not consent to enforcement of this Order upon its property shall post a clearly legible sign in one-inch Arial font at all public entrances of such entity stating the following:

"This location does not consent to enforcement of any local face covering requirement upon this property."

Section 2 of the Order provides that masks or face coverings are mandated to be worn by all persons entering any building or facility of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government. Any person entering such buildings or facilities who do not follow posted face covering and distancing requirements may be refused admittance to such building or facility or fined as set forth in Section 1.

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